

A MESSAGE FROM THE IBEW

# TRUMP SHIPBUILDING CUTS

PUTTING IBEW JOBS, NATIONAL SECURITY  
AT RISK

**The Trump Administration is demanding cuts to the number of ships built by Local 733 members at Huntington Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula**

- Flight III Arleigh Burke-class Destroyer and America-class Amphibious Assault Ship LHA-9 facing **\$650 million cuts**
- Trump's budget eliminates **5 of the 13 scheduled destroyers**, reversing 2018 National Defense Authorization Act calling for American fleet increase
- Russian **surveillance ship Viktor Leonov** came within a few miles of the Florida coast in December 2019, proving the need for more destroyers to protect our coastline.

## IBEW RECOMMENDS JOE BIDEN AS THE BEST CANDIDATE TO BEAT DONALD TRUMP

**Biden will keep American shipyards running**

"CHINA AND RUSSIA ARE AGGRESSIVELY CHALLENGING OUR NAVY'S ABILITY TO PROJECT POWER AND TO PROTECT AMERICAN INTERESTS. I AM COMMITTED TO CONTINUING TO MAKE IMPORTANT INVESTMENTS IN OUR NAVAL FLEET WITH SHIPS LIKE THOSE BEING BUILT BY IBEW MEMBERS, HERE IN MISSISSIPPI AND AROUND THE COUNTRY."

-- JOE BIDEN



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Sources: Fiscal Year 2021 Budget; "Pentagon Proposes Cuts to US Navy Destroyer Construction, Retiring 13 Cruisers," DefenseNews; U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney (D-Conn.), courtney.house.gov; "Pentagon Seeks to Cut F-35s, Other Equipment to Pay for Trump's Border Wall," DefenseNews; "Russian Spy Ship Sailing Off Florida's Shore Draws Close Watch from US," Military.com; "China to show new warships as Beijing flexes military muscle," CNBC



# TRUMP WANTS TO ELIMINATE YOUR UNION

**TRUMP SIGNED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER** on Feb. 20, 2020 giving the Department of Defense the authority to **abolish** the collective bargaining rights of its **civilian labor unions**.

**REMOVING COLLECTIVE BARGAINING RIGHTS WOULD PROVIDE "MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY," TRUMP SAID.**

*"The Department of Defense requires maximum flexibility to respond to threats to carry out its mission of protecting the American people."*

**- President Donald J. Trump**



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*"Where collective bargaining is incompatible with these organizations' missions, the Department of Defense should not be forced to sacrifice its national security mission."*

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The order continues a trend that began the year Trump took office in 2017, with a White House memo encouraging "eliminating" employee unions as part of a wide-ranging effort to weaken organized labor.

Source: "Delegation of Certain Authority Under the Federal Service Labor-Management Relations Statute," Federal Register, 2/21/2020

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